

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-32 (canceled).

Claim 33 (currently amended): An apparatus for allowing a viewer to assign content codes to scenes of a completed audiovisual program ~~from a standard program player generating a program signal~~ comprising:

a content selector having a viewer input for generating a content code for a current scene, said content code being descriptive of the content in said scene and being useable by viewers to determine whether the scene should be played or not;

a scene indicator indicating when ~~whether~~ said current scene needs ~~has been assigned~~ said content code, ~~said scene indicator receiving an input when said content selector is activated, and in response changing state~~ said scene indicator being deactivated in response to the selection of said content code by said content selector; and

a memory for storing content codes associated with respective scenes.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33 wherein said memory stores data relating to the beginnings and endings of scenes together with respective content codes.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33 wherein said scene indicator is activated when a new scene is started.

Claim 36 (canceled). The apparatus of claim 35 wherein said scene indicator is deactivated after said content code for the scene is selected by said code selector.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~35~~ 33 further including a scene detector that detects a scene automatically and activates said scene indicator.

Claim 38 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~35~~ 33 further including a manually operated switch for activating said scene indicator at the beginning of each scene.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33 further including a timer to indicate the time left before the end of the scene.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising a controller coupled to said content selector and controlling the state of said scene indicator in response to signals from said content selector.

Claim 41 (previously presented): An apparatus for generating content codes for a program signal formed of a sequence of scenes, ~~said program signal being received from a program player~~ comprising:

a scene detector receiving said program signal and being adapted to detect a starting point for each of said scenes in said program signal;

a scene indicator coupled to said scene detector and indicating that a current scene requires a content code, said content code being descriptive of the content of the current scene;

a selector activated by a user to select said content code for the current scene;

a controller receiving an input from said selector indicating that the content code for the current scene has been received from the user, and in response generating a control signal to said scene indicator to change the state of said scene indicator; and

a memory that stores a table of said scenes and the corresponding content codes.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 41 wherein said scene indicator is deactivated when a content code is assigned to the current scene.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 41 wherein said program signal includes scene identification codes identifying the starting points

of the scenes, wherein said scene detector is adapted to detect said scene identification codes.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 41 further comprising a scene start selector adapted to be activated by the viewer to indicate the starting points of said scenes.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 41 wherein said controller is adapted to determine if the viewer fails to provide said content code, said controller being adapted to generate in this case a default content code for said current scene.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 41 further comprising a timer indicating the time left before the end of the current scene.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 41 wherein said scene indicator is activated for a predetermined time.

Claims 48-57 (canceled).